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VISIT TO MEXICO

BEGIN TEXT:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
MR. CYRUS VANCE, MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO MEXICO ON
MAY 4, DURING WHICH HE WAS RECEIVED IN A SPECIAL AUDIENCE
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
LICENCIADO JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, AND HELD CONVERSATIONS
WITH THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF MEXICO,
LICENCIADO SANTIAGO ROEL, ON VARIOUS BILATERAL AND
MULTILATERAL SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

IN THE COURSE OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS AT THE SECRETARIAT
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, SECRETARY ROEL AND SECRETARY VANCE
REVIEWED THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE CONSULTATIVE
MECHANISM BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES,
ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENTS LOPEZ PORTILLO AND CARTER DURING
THEIR MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY 1977. THEY
CONCENTRATED ON MATTERS DEALT WITH BY THE CONSULTATIVE
MECHANISM, AND THEY SELECTED PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE
FUTURE WORK OF THE MECHANISM. THE TWO SECRETARIES
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APPROVED A JOINT REPORT FOR PRESIDENTS LOPEZ PORTILLO
AND CARTER ON THE WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM
DURING ITS FIRST YEAR OF EXISTENCE. IN THEIR
CONVERSATIONS, SECRETARY ROEL AND SECRETARY VANCE WERE
ACCOMPANIED BY MEXICAN AND UNITED STATES OFFICIALS
WHO PRESIDE OVER THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE CONSULTATIVE
MECHANISM ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS.

AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECTS CONSIDERED BY THE TWO SECRETARIES WERE TRADE, INVESTMENT, FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, TOURISM, AND THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF MEXICAN UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. BOTH SECRETARIES AGREED THAT, IF TEMPORARY DIFFERENCES EXIST REGARDING THE METHOD OF SOLVING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, THE GENERAL STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS EXCELLENT.

SECRETARY ROEL EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE FOR MEXICO OF ASSURING ACCESS FOR MEXICAN PRODUCTS TO UNITED STATES MARKETS UNDER FAIR CONDITIONS. SECRETARY VANCE, FOR HIS PART, GAVE ASSURANCES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS DETERMINED TO AVOID ANY PROTECTIONIST TENDENCIES. ALSO, SECRETARY VANCE EXPRESSED HIS FIRM CONVICTION THAT A GREATER LIBERALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH. SECRETARY ROEL INDICATED THAT MEXICO WOULD CONTINUE COOPERATING IN LIBERALIZING WORLD TRADE.

SECRETARY VANCE NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF EVERY COUNTRY TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF THE CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT THAT ARE MOST ADEQUATE TO ITS NEEDS. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP OPEN, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, ACCESS TO UNITED STATES CAPITAL MARKETS. SECRETARY

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ROEL STATED THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN MEXICAN DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, IN KEEPING WITH ITS PRIORITIES, WILL DIRECT THE RESOURCES OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO AREAS WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE BEST STIMULATION TO MEXICAN DEVELOPMENT.

BOTH SECRETARIES EXAMINED THE PRINCIPAL WORLD PROBLEMS, WHICH PLACE OR COULD PLACE WORLD PEACE IN DANGER, PRINCIPALLY THE PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST, THE ARMS RACE, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, AND THE NEED FOR LIMITATION OR PROHIBITION OF THE USE AND TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL ARMS. THESE MEASURES ARE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT BY REASON OF THE CAPITAL DIVERTED TO THESE ENDS, WHICH COULD BE USED FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

ON THESE PROBLEMS, SECRETARY VANCE DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY ROEL THE RESULTS OF HIS RECENT VISITS TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA AND THE SOVIET UNION.

BOTH SECRETARIES EXCHANGED POINTS OF VIEW ON THE EFFORTS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS MAKING TO ASSURE

THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, WHICH REQUIRE NOT ONLY THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARD SYSTEMS, NEGOTIATED WITH THE B PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED STATES, BUT ALSO THE ADOPTION OF EFFECTIVE MEANS TO REDUCE, AND ULTIMATELY ELIMINATE, THE ARSENALS OF NUCLEAR ARMS THAT PRESENTLY EXIST.

OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING THE CONVERSATIONS RELATED TO ENERGY, THE FIGHT AGAINST ARMS AND DRUG SMUGGLING

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AND AGAINST INTERNATIONAL CRIME, AS WELL AS OTHER BORDER PROBLEMS.

AMONG OTHER PROBLEMS SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, THEY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE THAT BOTH COUNTRIES GIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND TO THE PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO PREVENT AND SUPPRESS ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN RELATION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF MEXICO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING THE FLOW OF TOURISM IN BOTH DIRECTIONS AND OF MAINTAINING A CLOSE COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BORDERS IN THE COMMON BORDER ZONE. FOR THIS REASON, THEY DECIDED TO CREATE A SUBGROUP ON BORDER PROBLEMS UNDER THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM.

SECRETARY VANCE EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION OF THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE BY THE MEXICAN ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM AND REAFFIRMED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE GIVING ITS HELP AND COOPERATION.

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THE TWO SECRETARIES SIGNED, ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE, THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS:

TREATY OF EXTRADITION BETWEEN THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

TREATY ON MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND

AN AGREEMENT ON TOURISM BETWEEN THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SECRETARY ROEL EXPRESSED TO SECRETARY VANCE, AS HE HAD ALREADY DONE THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, THE SATISFACTION OF MEXICO OVER THE FACT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA ON THE CANAL, BY WHICH PANAMA WOULD RECOVER THE FULL AND COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE WHOLE OF ITS TERRITORY, HAD COME TO A GOOD CONCLUSION.

BOTH SECRETARIES REAFFIRMED THE VIEW THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD RECOGNIZE ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND, IN THIS CONTEXT, THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT ON MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED TO ASSURE A PROPER MONITORING OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.

IN CONSIDERING WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITED NATIONS AS THE BEST INSTRUMENT FOR MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL PEACE ON A JUST AND EQUITABLE BASIS, BOTH SECRETARIES TOOK NOTE OF THE PROPOSALS FORMULATED BY MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES TO THIS END IN THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND STRENGTHENING OF THE
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ORGANIZATION, AGREEING ON MUTUAL CONSULTATION SO THAT EACH COUNTRY WOULD KNOW IN DETAIL THE POSITION THAT THE OTHER WAS MAINTAINING IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

SECRETARY ROEL AND SECRETARY VANCE RENEWED THEIR DECISION TO KEEP IN CLOSE AND FREQUENT CONTACT TO ASSURE HIGH-LEVEL COORDINATION WITH REGARD TO MEASURES THAT COULD AFFECT THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE FRANK AND POSITIVE NATURE OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO, SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ROEL AND OTHER HIGH MEXICAN OFFICIALS HAVE EMPHASIZED AND STRENGTHENED THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN GOOD NEIGHBORS AND THE COOPERATION WHICH HAPPILY EXISTS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.

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